

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested. By the present amendment claims 1, 4-6, and 8-9 have been amended. Claims 2-3 have been canceled. New claim 10 has been added. Applicant respectfully acknowledges that claims 3-9 are allowable.

Claim Objections

Claims 6 and 7 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to correct these informalities and, thus, the objection has been overcome.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,116,699 to Miyajima. As noted, claims 3-9 were indicated as allowable. Amended claim 1 incorporates the subject matter of claim 3 and intervening claim 2 and, thus, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 is allowable. Claim 2 has been canceled and, thus, the rejection of claim 2 is moot.

New Claims

Claim 10 incorporates the subject matter of claims 1, 2, and 4. Since claim 4 was indicated as allowable, it is respectfully submitted that claim 10 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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